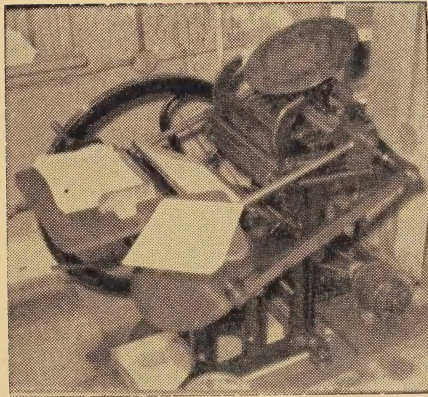


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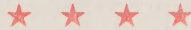
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Concerning this issue. . .

A few weeks ago, a representative from one of Winnipeg's business firms visited us here at the Mountain on a matter regarding photo engraving work. While he was visiting the *Echoes'* large plant (HAW!) he was shown the facts, man, just the facts. A week or so later, 2 parcels arrived. When they were opened, line-cuts were exposed to view, 'cuts' we have long been searching for.

It is deeds of this sort that make us realize what swell people there are 'outside'. Here's a fellow coming here on business; gets interested in what's going on, and presto! a real gift to help us out. He even asked us not to mention his name, (Mr. Green) or say that he represents Western Engraving Bureau, Ltd. of 1375 Portage Ave., Wpg. O. K. Mr. Green, we won't, but you can be sure the boys here appreciate what you people have done!

On page five, our Anniversary—same number as the page—story covers the past year. It is hoped that we'll be able to print more articles on the different shops in the near future.

The article on pages 7-8 holds a deep message for those who are inclined to say "Just one more, then I'll stop." Reading time: 5 mins., Digesting time: Forever.

Our teacher-librarian, Mr. Weir, is proud to mention the ones who have recently passed their exams, and he hopes to see a great many more attend the courses available to them during the new semester.

The two poets, whose work appears on pages 12-13, are to be congratulated for their effort. Though the compositions are different in text, they both pertain to the same subject; war. The war of human barbarians and the war of careless drivers. Two sterling bits of prose.

The writer of the article on pages 14-15 is long gone from here, but living proof of his text can be seen daily hereabouts. How long will it be before something is done for these kids?

Hobbyists are discontented with the latest ruling on all craft. The explanation for their unrest can be found on page 16.

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Editorial . . .

The news that the Canadian government is to build some new penitentiaries comes as no surprise to those who are closely connected with the Department of Justice. For many years now the overcrowded conditions and lack of needed facilities has kept officials in a worried state of mind.

Crime has increased steadily in Canada for some time now and shows no signs of abating. Rather, the number of recidivists could soon be a new source of anxiety, especially for justice officials. The building of new prisons may relieve their worries momentarily, but after a few years, the headache will start all over again. The obvious answer to the present dilemma then, is not to prepare for a larger number of inmates, but to decrease the population already serving time and try to assist against their possible return.

Why not use the money—to be spent on new buildings—to employ a staff of men well-versed in the study of crime and criminals? A group of men who recognize that rehabilitation of the men now under sentence will certainly show less need of prisons in the future. Doesn't today's overabundance of recidivists prove that drastic changes from mid-Victorian concepts to modern-day living is a necessity, not wistful thinking? Does the government believe that by spending money on buildings—rather than on humans—the rise in crime will abate? Crime will never entirely disappear from our midst, but it can be reduced.

One of the first items on the agenda for the authorities to ponder: If first offenders (and, in some cases, repeaters) were all to be given another chance as free men, wouldn't that safely do away with the need of new prisons? Couldn't some of the money saved be used to assist the parolees upon their release? Not for long, say a few months, until they had found a job, place to live, some clothes to wear? Because it is right at the beginning of a man's return to the "free world" that he is so hard put to stay "clean."

Have the authorities considered some of the "lifers" who have almost forgotten what the "outside" looks like? Men with long years of incarceration behind them; men who could not afford a misstep in any direction. Or must these men serve the rest of their lives behind bars for a moment's folly? Is this in Christ's teaching?

Maybe the taxpayers will agree that new penitentiaries are a must. As a means of spending the public's money, yes. A definite must. But as an investment and protection against future crime, no. That will only come when all prisons and penitentiaries are shown as one of the world's greatest follies, a folly that will end the day humane treatment and understanding are used in every courtroom.

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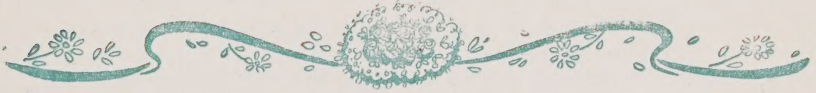
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5th ANNIVERSARY



By 6766

Once again this publication has arrived at a birthday. In our last Anniversary Edition, we covered the trials and tribulations of the magazine's young life quite completely and have only one thing further to report; we were fortunate, and proud, to receive the Penal Press Award of Merit for the most improved publication in the Penal circuit.

Since then too, we have lost all of our old members with the exception of Graham Madden, who has taken control and has quite ably carried on as Editor with a completely new staff, and "Red" Beach, who is doing the lion's share of clerical duties, mailing lists, etc.

It is a pleasant duty as well to report that practically all of the men that have been associated with the *Mountain Echoes* during the past are doing well in various ventures on the street.

This past year has been a newsworthy one for our writers because through the kind efforts of Mr. Charlie Mazzone, the host of Rancho Don Carlos, in Winnipeg, we have been blessed with topnotch performances by headline artists appearing

at the "Rancho," who graciously consent to doing matinees for the boys at the Mountain.

The Boxing Club has also provided some good copy with pleasing cards as well as one visiting delegation of fighters and wrestlers from the Crescent Boxing Club of Winnipeg.

In writing local sports, our hat goes off to the guy who covers the league hockey games. Our rink is naturally, an outdoor one, and the walls (that keep society out) are an excellent backboard for any breeze that arrives this way, making for an unpleasant afternoon for a scribe.

Give or take a little, fastball is the sport around here. This year, reporting on the Giants has been a pleasure. Their standing—in a league comprised of ten teams from Winnipeg playing interlocking games here—at the time of publication is *top spot*, and the team's catcher, "Big Hank" Ceretti, was chosen on the loops' All-Star team. Keeping track of the local league has not been all together easy as players were juggled around pretty freely during the whole of the season. A game that is fast becoming a regular fixture here

was played on 25th. of July. A fast-ball game between the younger inmates and the staff. The youngsters kept their record intact.

The annual Field Day held on July 1st. did not provide the interest of former years as some of the real "Heavies" have left us, but those that did participate put on a slam bang show and competition between the four groups competing was keen. The weather gave us a real break as well.

Last, but certainly not least; we were once again privileged to acknowledge the Phimister Group on their annual visit.

So far most of our issues have dealt with topics pertaining to sport; entertainment and inmate comments on problems dealing with prison life and welfare, and it would seem that everyday happenings are so remote that they are not worth mentioning.

It has been a busy year for those employed in the trades however. Last week we had our first issue from the newly located canteen which was erected in the prison dome. A large implement shed is currently being built by the carpenters, and another new tenement house was finished this summer while several of the older houses are being re-converted by another group of carpenters.

Painters are freshening up the outside of the institution, and masons have a large alteration program going on in the kitchen.

A new power-house, housing 3 new boilers, has been erected and the engineers have been piping all spring and summer hoping to have it

ready for use this coming winter.

This has been a large project involving mason, electrical, blacksmith, carpenter and engineering departments and to a layman the results have been quick. The building is of concrete, having a railway spur built right inside so that coal may be unloaded directly into the sub-basement bunkers from railroad cars. The basement itself houses the blow-down tank, pumps, etc., and gives access to the ash-pits of the three stoker-fed boilers, which are on the main floor, as well as electrical equipment and plant engineer's office.

Two mezzanine floors are taken over by fans and heaters and it is possible that one service department may be housed here as well. Topping the whole structure is a penthouse. From here you have your ashes hauled. (What's so new about that?)

This new plant is a far cry from the hand-fed system presently in use and should provide excellent training in modern heating for one so inclined.

One other thing never mentioned in our book is those of us who are in hospital, and we take this opportunity of wishing the boys here and in downtown hospitals a speedy recovery.

In the last couple of issues it will have been noticed that we are publishing news of the A.A. group. This will now be a regular feature of the magazine as our plant is not large enough to run off an issue for the A. A. writers of their own, and an honest desire to prepare oneself for the day of release is encouraged.

To round off this year, the staff

of Echoes thanks those that have boosted it, and asks tolerance for any errors that may appear on it's pages. We are still young in equipment and very short on experience, but all of the new boys are giving it the old try and a quite credible book does appear monthly.

Finally, we not only encourage but

ask for new writers, with just a reminder that your Editor is not the final authority in what is printed on these pages. You can get your "beef" off by being subtle though. Perhaps it's not as satisfying as though you were allowed to use your own language but sometimes a tolerant argument is just as effective. ★

'TIS NOTED THAT:

Old George King has a host of new friends now that his garden is producing —The Tetreault brothers can more easily be identified now that Whitey looks thinner, Al more tanned and Tony much fatter —The Quarry and Farm gangs don't have to sit in the sun to get that "Vacation look" —Fred Toker looks more like Fred Toker every day —John Munchuck is doing a roaring business in "Pappsies" these days —Willie Oden had better start losing weight soon else he'll never fit his size 48 suit —Johnny Nolan's performance as baseball announcer leaves little to be desired —Pete Zegil not only plays practically every musical instrument, he even looks like a bum (pardon) a drum —Norm Young's story-telling is in a class of it's own, unbeatable! —Mickey Finn must use "Lux" on the coal he heaves as he never gets dusty like his fellow-workers —Bijou Piche doesn't seem a day over 50 but after two games of handball he looks like 60 —The reader of this page is still looking for his name to appear; patience pal, it will eventually —Paul Gelinas keeps singing the tune of that lovely "(Paulette)" —Wally Astles keeps going up and down between "B" league and the pool like an elevator —Bill Leonard has started to count the days until he and his boxcar will be united —"Jack Pine" still won't give even a point on any team the Bums play against —The new committee has never had their names published as Alex Wilson, Slim Beauchamp and Lloyd Badger —Ol' Sherm reads Pete's Transition gift very contentedly —Eddie Kittson still hasn't procured his sunglasses yet —Red Saunders handles his duties well in the Sports Office —Sam Keesick now rates as one of the best shoe-makers around —Bud Henry still wishes Ol'Casey was here with him —Joe Michaniuk looks more extinguished (oops, 'scuse it) distinguished with his white hair —Kenny Dubroy wishes he was as young as his brother Leo then he too could go swimming in that big barrel —What, your name wasn't even mentioned? Well neither was mine, pal, so let's take a peek in the next month's issue. It's bound to appear sometime.

How can I tell if I'm

From the pages of the "NEW DAWN" Group

an ALCOHOLIC?

By Frank S.

Only you can make that decision. Many who are now in A.A. have previously been told by doctors, family friends, relatives and spiritual advisers that they were not alcoholics, that all they needed was more will-power, a change of scenery, more rest, or a few new hobbies in order to straighten out. These same people finally turned to A.A. because they felt, deep down inside, that alcohol had them licked and that they were ready to try anything that would free them from the compulsion to drink.

Some of these men and women went through terrific experiences with alcohol before they were ready to admit that alcohol was not for them. They became derelicts, stole, lied, cheated and even killed while they were drinking. They abused their employers and their families. They became totally irresponsible in all their social relationships. They dissipated their material, mental and spiritual holdings.

Many others with much less tragic records have turned to A.A. too. They have never been jailed or hospitalized. Their excessive drinking may not even have been apparent to any but their closest relatives and friends; but they knew enough about alcoholism to recognize these symptoms, and to appreciate that it is a progressive illness. They wanted no part of that kind of progress.

There is a saying in A.A. that there is no such thing as being a little bit alcoholic. Either you are, or you are not. And only the individual himself can say whether or not alcohol, for him, has become an unmanageable problem.

A question is often asked: Can an alcoholic ever drink "normally" again?

So far as can be determined, no one who has become an alcoholic has ever ceased to be an alcoholic. The mere fact of abstaining from alcohol for months or even years has never qualified an alcoholic to drink "normally" or socially. Once the individual has crossed the borderline from heavy drinking to irresponsible alcoholic drinking, there seems to be no retreat. Few alcoholics deliberately try to drink themselves into trouble, but trouble seems to be the inevitable consequence of an alcoholic's drinking.

After abstaining for a period, he may feel that it is safe to experiment with a few beers or a few glasses of light wine. He may delude himself with the fiction that, if he drinks only with his meals, he can stay out of trouble. But it is not long before the old obsessive pattern reasserts itself and he finds himself drinking to excess, even though he may consciously want to confine himself to moderate, social drinking.

The answer, based on A.A. experi-

ence, is that if you are an alcoholic, you will never be able to control your drinking for any appreciable length of time. That leaves two paths open: to let your drinking become progressively worse with all the damaging consequences this entails, or to abstain completely from alcohol and to develop a new pattern of constructive living.

A new-comer to A.A. often inquires: Can't an A.A. member drink even beer?

There are, of course, no "musts" in A.A. and no one checks up on members to determine whether or not they are drinking anything. The answer to that question is, that if a person is an alcoholic, he cannot risk touching alcohol in any form. Alcohol is alcohol, whether it is found in a martini, a scotch-and-soda, a bourbon-and-branch-water, a glass of champagne, or a short beer. For an alcoholic, one drink of alcohol in any form is likely to be too much, and twenty drinks not enough.

To be sure of his sobriety, the alcoholic simply has to stay away from alcohol, regardless of the quantity, mixture, or concentration he may think he can control.

Obviously, few persons are going to get drunk on one or two bottles of beer. The alcoholic knows this as well as the next person. He may even convince himself that he is simply going to take two or three beers and then quit for the day.

Occasionally he may actually follow this program for a number of days or weeks. Eventually, he decides that as long as he is drinking, he may as well "do a good job." He increases

his consumption of beer or wine, or he switches to hard liquor. And he is back where he started again.

Some A.A.'s argue that it's how you drink, not how often, that determines whether or not you are an alcoholic. Many problem drinkers can go weeks, months and occasionally years between their bouts with liquor. During their periods of sobriety, they may not give alcohol a second thought without mental or emotional effort; they are able to take it or leave it alone and they prefer to leave it alone.

Then, for some unaccountable reason, or for no reason at all, they go off on a first class-binge. They neglect job, family and other civic and social responsibilities. The spree may last a single night or it may be prolonged for days or weeks. When it is over, the drinker is usually weak and remorsefully determined never to let it happen again.

This type of "periodic" drinking is baffling not only to those around the drinker, but to the drinker himself. He cannot understand why he should have so little interest in alcohol during the periods between binges or so little control over it, once he starts drinking. A periodic drinker may or may not be an alcoholic. If his drinking has become unmanageable and if the period of sobriety between binges is becoming progressively shorter, chances are the time has come when he must face up realistically to his problem. If he is ready to admit he is an alcoholic, he has taken the first step toward the constructive day-to-day sobriety enjoyed by thousands of A.A.'s.



Red Cross

Winnipeg, Canada

August 5th, 1955

Warden A. H. Campbell,
Manitoba Penitentiary,
Stony Mountain, Manitoba.

Dear Warden Campbell:

Once again it gives me the greatest of pleasure to be able to write and extend to you, and through you, to all of the staff and inmates our most sincere thanks for the splendid support and co-operation that we again received on our semi-annual blood donor clinic at Stony Mountain.

We registered a total of 181 donors during the afternoon which has greatly helped to maintain our supply of blood during our most difficult time of year, that is, the summer season when so many of our regular donors are away on holidays, etc.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could see that our thanks was extended to all of the inmates and members of your staff who donated blood. All of the girls on the team wished me to express their thanks to yourself and staff for the splendid lunch that was provided them, also for the assistance that was given them by everyone in the operation of the clinic.

Again our sincere thanks to yourself and everyone who helped make the day such a success, and we shall be looking forward with pleasure to our next visit to Stony Mountain, which should be the last week of December.

Yours very truly,
D. W. Stewart,
Donor Panel Director.





on the Educational side

By J. D. Weir
Teacher-Librarian

That the accumulated knowledge of all time is free and that this recorded wisdom of the ages is available to all who are literate, is one of priceless treasures bequeathed to each succeeding generation.

Few of the world's immortals ever achieved anything of lasting value, either in the world of action or through the strength of their academic training alone.

Churchill, Lincoln, Bevin and Edison, the biographers tell us, learned little at school. Yet by dint of reading and observation they all had a magnificent education when they reached middle-age.

Academic training is important, but reading too, can serve as a tremendous help in widening our intellectual vision.

Here in the Institution, we have a wide variety of reading, more particularly in the non-fiction section of our library, where a wide range of excellent material is available to all inmates.

ON BOOKS—

"To use books rightly is to go to them for help, to appeal to them when our knowledge fails; to be led by them into wider sight, purer conception than our own; and receive from them the united sentences of the judges and councils of all time against our solitary and unstable opinion."

J. Ruskin

We note the following men completed these educational courses during the month.

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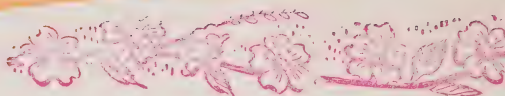
S. Hautamaki	Math 'C'
L. Bruce	Elem Arith
J. Lamoureux	Λ
W. Burns	Λ
H. Pettifer	Λ
A.J. Auger	Λ
P. Gouin	Λ

New Courses started

S. Hautamaki	Sr. Matric Math
A. Markovich	Elem Arith
J. Richards	Λ
A. Morresseau	Λ
L. Bruce	Intro Math
H. Pettifer	Λ
J. Naugler	Λ
Λ	Intro English

They have achieved their immediate goal in that they have successfully completed the course they started. These fellows deserve credit for having accomplished something of importance through continued effort and persistence. It is our hope that they will always set their sights on objectives that are worthy of their best efforts.

Poet's Corner



The "ME" Driver's Prayer

God give me health and common sense
To drive the way I ought,
To watch the road and follow all
The rules I have been taught.

I will observe the signs that say
To stop or lessen speed;
And when some child appears ahead
I will take special heed

I will be careful at each turn,
Of motions that I make,
To let the other drivers know
The course that I would take.

I will be mindful of the wheel,
The pedals on the floor;
The shift, the mirror, instruments,
And tightness of each door.

I promise to be sober, God,
And always drive my best.
Just give me health, and common sense,
And I will do the rest.

V.B.

Ode to St. Andre-sur-Orne, France

July 25th.—1944

Eleven years ago today,
I saw our Colonel die;
I saw a hundred buddies fall
And heard a couple cry.

Below, the fields of burning wheat;
Above, the summer sun;
And over all in wild tattoo
The crescendo of the guns.

The cries for stretcher-bearers;
The inhuman scream of pain
Could not then be answered
And, they died there in the grain.

Then there came the hellish news
Our tank support was gone!
The orders came through for us—Fall back!
And they echoed like a song.

Now the deadly mortars burst
And spread their fragments wide;
Some of us cried—with helplessness—
As we passed the ones who died.

Oh, hallowed field, in far-off France,
How do you look today?
Does your golden grain sway gently
Where so many buddies lay?

A. LaPierre
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This is the second printing of this article. It was first published almost a year ago, yet today the subject has grown to alarming proportions. The records will plainly show why there is more justification for the reprinting of this article today than ever before. Action, not words, is what is necessary regarding the future of the younger generation. —Ed.

Child Convicts~~~~~ WHY?

There is no such thing as a bad boy.

—Magistrate Ivan B. Craig—London, Ontario

By R. S. Marshall

One of the most non-progressive things in this otherwise progressive century is the thinking of people; particularly parents.

Thinking—as well as the industrial and economic aspects of this day and age—should change with the times. But it does not progress as rapidly as it should.

Though our reformatories and penitentiaries are filled to overflowing with both adult and juvenile prisoners, more and more of the latter are continually arriving from the courts. Why?

Parents have developed a passive attitude towards one of the most difficult and complex problems of the day; Juvenile Delinquency. They show little or no concern unless someone in their exclusive group is affected. It is to these people that this

article is directed.

Conditions in the home are a large factor which contribute more to the delinquency of minors than anything else. This is especially so in homes where there are large families and small incomes. Unfortunately, individual attention is not given to each and every child so that one feels that nobody loves him and he is being ignored.

Fathers seldom allow their adolescent sons the right to voice opinions and—or make decisions without serious repercussions. Consequently they seek recognition while away from the forbidding eyes of parents and become destructive and thus will adopt an 'I'll show them!!' attitude. Later, they may resort to other forms of violence in their quest for vengeance and will commit car theft,

car stripping, handbag snatching—and so on. The boy's life as a delinquent has begun. Where will it end?

Children can and should be taught by their parents that honorable things can be honestly acquired on a good reputation and willingness to work to meet that end.

Parents show extreme laxity by permitting their offspring to be away from home until all hours of the night with no knowledge of their whereabouts.

Boys are quickly impressed by the experience and cunning of persons older than themselves and are easily introduced to crime. The disregard of some parents as to the kind of friendship their boys cultivate, helps this condition immensely.

Parents are also failing in their obligations to their children in that they sometimes hold the law in poor regard. They ignore speed limits, violate parking regulations and other traffic ordinances such as jaywalking etc. If children are to be respectful of law and order, it is up to the parents to set the example.

Older folk can remember that their mothers and fathers imposed a strict curfew ruling on them and if they disobeyed, dire consequences would result. Perhaps a revival of the curfew would curb criminal activities of teen-agers, certainly purse-snatching, vandalism, and it may even reduce the number of car-thefts.

Finding a solution to juvenile delinquency is everybody's job. Federal and city government officials, businessmen and women, fraternal

organizations, the courts—you and I—everybody, owe it to the Canadians of tomorrow to participate. The future health and wealth of this country is at stake and the coming generation will pay dearly if the increase in juvenile offenders is not brought to a halt.

Those responsible for the treatment of prisoners have been accused by various individuals of 'coddling' the inmates placed in their care. Well, all we can say about that is: If the people who made these accusations were responsible for the rehabilitation of criminals, nothing—absolutely nothing would be accomplished. Brutality has no place in any reform program. It is, after all, human to rebel against ill treatment. So therefore, any program for rehabilitation which uses retributive methods as a means of reform, could accomplish one thing—a contempt for society which would take years to overcome.

But there is really no reason why children should be in jail in the first place. The problem is to reform them when they first show criminal tendencies. This can only be done by co-operation between families, law-enforcement officials and welfare agencies. Remember, the delinquent juvenile of today is just a step from the time-hardened convict of tomorrow.

Don't you think that your boy is entitled to liberty and the pursuit of his happiness? You should, because *your happiness depends on it! Help your son to help himself!*



Hobby lobby



By R. Beach

In Canada's federal penal institutions to-day one of the major cellular activities are hobbies. Inmates in most are permitted to participate in a variety of what are termed hand-hobbies. Leather craft is a favorite with them.

With the inauguration of hobbies in this institution, a hobby committee was set up amongst the inmates. They were to decide policy. One of the first moves was to place a 10% levy on all hobby sales. This was to provide a fund to loan monies to those who did not have enough money to start a hobby. Hobbies were defined by them as being a cellular activity to fill in the long hours of confinement, provide an outlet for individual artistic talents, and add a few dollars to the kitty for release.

Today the picture has changed somewhat. Hobbies are still a cellular activity, that is participated in by many. But to increase its efficiency we now have a hobby officer, in charge of all hobbies. The 10% has been extended, to include gifts sent to relatives, as well as those sent home for sale, because of the limited sales here. This is the point I wish to comment on here.

It seems some individuals were participating in wholesale manufacture of hobby articles, then sending them to private outlets for sale. It further seems that in order to stop this it was decided that the 10%

would be extended to cover all articles. Unfortunately, in making this decision, the articles sent as gifts, perhaps once or twice a year, were included. While a few have ample funds to be able to purchase large orders, most work on a very limited budget. When they make a few wallets, they must sell these before they are able to purchase material to make more. The 10% charge here is in effect a fine for making and sending an article of hobby-craft home as a gift, not as a sale. It is paying for the privilege of making the material purchased by the individual into a useable article. This should be rectified, so as to give the little guy a break. And it can be done with just one clause in the new regulations, namely 'individual gifts to home, provided they are not repeated too regularly, are permitted without a levy being charged'.

In seeing that the 10% is very necessary to the inmate welfare fund, to provide monies for entertainment as well as starting new hobbyists, it seems that some other outlet should be provided for sales. This would erase some of the necessity of sending hobby articles home, and provide more scope of creativeness in making goods, for the goods would have a wider mart for disposal.

These are two of the problems with hobbies today that did not exist before, but could be handled in a much better manner.



Things ☐

I'd like

to see ☐

By S. C. Smith

Old "Sunshine" Fox pick the pucks out of the net a little better than he picked the horses in the last racing meet.

Another Boxing Card; as good as the last one.

Billy Morsette remember that it's a bat he's using when he steps up to the plate and not the torch he's carrying for a certain Winnipeg female softball hurler.

The guy who can beat Dizzy Hunt into the skating shack when the skating season rolls around.

A repeat of the look on coach Moe "The Barber" (?) Walker's face when his pitcher served up a home-run pitch with two men on base, after said pitcher hae been ordered to walk the batter in the final game of a recent "B" League playoff.

Some of the folks who think Cathy MacIntosh was in a swim, get a load of some of our Blue Bomber fans hereabouts who are really swimming—in their tears.

The equipment man issue Fat Mike a pair of elbow pads before the football season starts so he won't be spearing everyone within five yards of him.

Someone extend a vote of thanks to Commissioner Alex Wilson for his untiring efforts on behalf of softball this season.

Kenny Allan put as much effort and sincerity in his endeavors when he leaves here as he has done in everything he has undertaken while here.

A few of the Touch Rugby players get it through their ferocious noggins that it is not necessary to stomp a man into the gravel to convince everyone that they have touched him.

Someone take advantage of a rare opportunity and get in their applications fast to hire this writer in any capacity when he rejoins society on Oct. 20th. 1955, also that said prospective employers realize that the first offer will be snapped up, therefore fast action is essential.

The day after Oct. 19th. 1955.



HE WHO PRIGS WHAT ISS'N HIS'N—
WHEN HE'S COTCHED—
SHALL GO TO PRIS'N!

At bat with the GIANTS



By R. Beach

MERCANTILE JACKS SWEEP TWO

July 31st.	R	H	E	Batteries:
Mercantile Jacks	5	10	1	F. Taylor & Durnin
S.M. Giants	4	5	1	Mitchell(4), McLean & Ceretti
S.M. Giants	3	7	3	Cadotte & Baratta
Mercantile Jacks	4	4	1	E. Klatt & H. Klatt

Giants went down to the second exhibition double-header defeat of the season when they faced a well-stacked team of Mercantile League players, including several All-Stars

Bob Sharpe, Jacks' big gun, had 3 for 3 in the first. Latter and Ponton, 2 for 4, also helped Jacks' cause.

H. Ceretti, 2 for 2, Hanlon, Berrigan and Bernie were Giants' hitters.

The second game saw Hanlon and Berrigan, both 2 for 2, and Aimoe's hard triple not quite enough to make up for 3 Giant errors in one inning. Jacks capitalized with 2 runs on them. Sharpe again was Jacks' heavy bat, with E. Klatt bagging their only extra-base hit.

JETS BOW TO GIANT ONSLAUGHT

August 1st.	R	H	E	Batteries:
RCAF Jets	1	7	3	Ratushniak (3) Cardin & Caldren
S.M. Giants	8	8	0	Bernie & Ceretti
S. M. Giants	7	11	1	McLean & Ceretti
RCAF Jets	1	5	2	Polawick & Stenson

Giants came back swiftly after Sunday's defeats, taking both games by a large margin. Pitre, with a double and a 3-run homer, led Giant batters in the 1st game. All other Giant hits were singles. Clackson got the lone run for Jets on Ratushniak's double.

In the second meeting, Ceretti tripled with 2 on to start things rolling. Crane, Berrigan, Aimoe and Ruck hit 2 for 5. Grayer, Jet right-fielder, went 3 for 4, with Schram & Clackson rounding out the Jets' hitting.

ANOTHER SUBSTITUTE DOUBLE-HEADER

August 7th.	R	H	E	Batteries:
Broadway Opt's	3	3	4	B.Taylor & Kondryshyn
S.M. Giants	4	6	3	Mitchell (6) McLean & Ceretti
S.M. Giants	8	7	2	Cadotte & Ceretti
Broadway Opt's	0	3	4	B.Taylor & Kondryshyn

About all that can be said for this double-header is that Sammy Kondryshyn is certainly persistent in trying to beat the Giants. If he keeps coming out so regularly, he will soon be given a number. But he livens up otherwise dead teams.

Giants took both games handily, having a little trouble with the sharp pitching of Taylor in the first, but wearing him down by the second. Hanlon, 6 for 7, was outstanding at bat for Giants.

CARTER MOTORS SPLIT WITH GIANTS

August 14th.	R	H	E	Batteries:
Carter Motors	0	1	0	Pucie & Brooks
S. M. Giants	1	2	1	McLean & Ceretti
S. M. Giants	2	2	3	Bernhardt & Ceretti
Carter Motors	5	8	2	H. Leban & A. Lester

First game was a pitcher's duel, with Scotty winning with a one-hitter. First hits for both teams came in the 6th. Hanlon of Giants, a sharp drive to left for one base, and Smandych of C. M. a short outfield fly for a single. Aimoe's single in the last inning brought Berrigan home with the winning run.

Carlson, second baseman, robbed Giant batters with some outstanding catches. Giants lost in the second game when the fast-swinging C. M.'s started connecting. The flurry included F. Lester's 2 doubles, Sharpe's triple, and Hamilton's bases-empty homer.

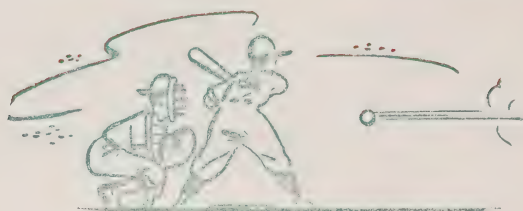
R. Aimoe's homer accounted for both Giant runs, and Berrigan's single rounded out the hitting.

GIANTS ADD TWO MORE VICTORIES

August 21st.	R	H	E	Batteries:
Black Knights	3	7	6	Hamm & Schultz
S.M. Giants	6	6	1	Mitchell (6) McLean & Ceretti
S.M. Giants	8	6	0	Cadotte & Ceretti
Black Knights	0	1	3	Hamm (3) Neufeldt & Schultz

S.M. Giants had little trouble sweeping both games. Black Knights fielded only 9 men for both, and contributed a total of 9 errors to help Giants' cause. Hanlon was big bat for Giants, and had 5 RBI's. Top man for Black Knights was Pete Martens, both in runs scored and hitting. He spoiled Cadotte's no-hitter with a short outfield-fly, good for one base.

ECHOES *in* SPORT



By

J. Germaine and J. Beauchamp

'A' LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	G.P.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
YANKS	31	21	8	2	44
BRAVES	31	18	12	1	37
LEAFS	31	10	18	3	23

top place Yanks in a best 4-7 series for the league championship.

YANKS

The Yanks never seemed in doubt as to who would finish first. Coach Hanlon always kept urging them on and he made them a hard team to beat. For instance, five of the top ten batters are on the Yanks' roster and their powerful hitting won many games, crucial games at that. Boyd, Chaboyer, Johnson and Reinbold proved real long-ball hitters each time up while Hunt, Raccio, Procille and Dufrane came thru with their share of timely hits at the most opportune moments. Boyd's pitching ability was never in doubt; his great control and fast ball resulted in many a frustrated batter. The entire team's fielding was nice to watch, all the result of good coaching and persistence.

BRAVES

This is the team that gave the winning Yanks their strongest opposition all season. Fine pitching by Kapitan and Thomas won many a

TEN TOP BATTERS

	A.B.	H.	AVG.
Chaboyer	102	43	.422
Johnson	111	41	.385
Boyd	97	35	.361
Hunt	111	40	.360
Allan	87	31	.356
Baratta	96	34	.354
Reinbold	99	34	.343
Perreault	112	35	.313
Bulloch	63	19	.302
Wallis	115	34	.296

The powerful Yanks brought all their opponents to a standstill. Their big bats and smart pitching kept their team in first position as the regular ball schedule ended. This gave the Yanks—who earned a bye—opportunity to watch the Braves and Leafs—who meet in the semi-finals. These two teams play a best 3-5 series, the winner meeting the

game but somehow, the club dropped important contests and looked like beginners as they committed many an error. Four players, Allan, Baratta, Perreault and Wallis ranked high in the top ten, but fielding miscues deprived the club of their batting advantage. Smith—even at his old age—was a standout, alternating between second and third. Shortstopping by Caron, fielding by Moisan and Dormoriz, all reflected to the advantage of the boys, but somehow, it wasn't enough. Berrigan coached the club and did a fine job.

LEAFS

This was the big question mark team of the season. Getting off to a running start, the Leafs led the pack almost to the middle of the season, then collapsed. However, with the play-offs here, possibly the club will once again show signs of former greatness, as they have the players to do it. Coached by Provost—who traded so many players nobody knew exactly who they were with—the Leafs came up with good infielders like St. Gelais, Benham, Naugler, Sherbo and Francis. In the outfield, Gillis, Lexier and Morsette will be a threat at all times. Bulloch has won

plenty of games with his fine hurling and Schaf, the catcher, is still proving that you can't keep a good man down.

Leafs defeat Braves in Semi-Finals

In a best 3-5 series, the favored Braves met a gay and determined Leaf outfit who won the first two tilts, dropped the third, then took the fourth to register the biggest upset of the year to fans and opposition alike. The Braves—outside of the third game—never seemed to have a club on the field at any time. Errors galore spelled their defeat, and it had to happen at play-off time!

St. Gelais and Bulloch proved a big factor in the series with their terrific batting and neat defensive playing while the balance of the Leaf players showed to advantage. For the losing Braves, Baratta, Caron, Proulx, Allan, Dormoriz, Wallis and Kapitan gave their best in a losing effort.

So now it's Yanks-Leafs in a best 4-7 series for the Championship. May the best team win and the losers go down swinging.

OLD-TIMERS CLIP GUARDS IN RIOTOUS GAME!

On Aug. 24th, a team made up with fellows over 40 years of age, and representing the Inmates, handed the Guards' nine a crushing 23-4 defeat. The outstanding player for either side was John "Heinzie" Humicky who, despite the fact he's blind as a bat, relieved Bernie on the mound and, once shown the direction of the plate, held the Guards to a couple of hits! A treat for players and spectators alike. Line-ups were:

GUARDS: Gretchen, Howard, Orlesky, Damman, Belanger, Fidler, Lillies, Cawston and Van Halst.

Old-Timers: Humicky, Bernhardt, Schaf, Fox, Lavery, Smith, Gaumond, Ruck, Lynch, Watson, Lanthier, L. Johnson, Herman and Bodnarchuk.

'B' LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	G.P.	W.	L.	T.	Pts
DODGERS	31	19	11	1	39
YANKS	31	16	11	4	36
LEAFS	31	14	14	3	31
BRAVES	31	8	21	2	18

TEN TOP BATTERS

	A.B.	H.	AVG.
Lavallee	79	36	.441
Roski	80	33	.413
Grenier	97	37	.399
MacDonald	97	35	.371
Lanthier	92	33	.359
Sawchuk	76	27	.355
Andrusko	112	38	.339
Martin C.	77	26	.338
Nolan	78	25	.321
Fat Mike	77	24	.312

As the "B" league schedule drew to a close it was a three team race between the Dodgers, Yanks and Leafs, and that's the way they finished. The Dodgers just couldn't be dislodged from first place. Their toughest opposition were the Yanks, who really went down swinging but just couldn't make it. The Leafs finished third and the Braves kept the position they held throughout the season, fourth and last.

DODGERS

The Dodgers, who held first position most of the season, kept it—with the knowledge that the hungry Yanks were just behind them. The man with the big bat for the Dodgers was Lavallee, who finished with a .441 average to cop the league batting championship, with team-mates

Sawchuk and Grenier following him in close order. It was this trio that kept Dodgers at the front. Sodoski, Dodgers hurler, pitched consistent ball, and wasn't in trouble too often. The coach of the Dodgers "The Smiling Scotchman" Scotty McLean, never seemed to worry but always did the right thing at the proper time to keep his team up to scratch. This club will take some good playing to beat in the play-offs.

YANKS

Led by coach Aimoe, Yanks chased the Dodgers all the way home; in fact only 3 points separated these two. With probably the smoothest fielding outfit in the league, plus power at the plate in the persons of Matchette, Zimmer and Lanthier, the coach never had too many worries. It is our considered opinion that 'Kid' Zimmer was the always-constant spark, never letting down, and as a result pulled the team along with his spirit. The steady hurling of Johnny Korne and Mickey was all that was needed to make the Yanks a sure-fire contender all season. This team could take it all in the play-offs.

LEAFS

Coach Fika roared, ranted and cajoled during the entire season and when one looked at this team one had to sense the ever-present threat. Fellows like Fat Mike, Lawson, Haas, Billy Dacko, Nolan, Roski, Joe Johnson, Fatso Kittson,—can make a team a winning one at any time. However, with two teams

like the Dodgers and the Yanks holding a steady lead, Fika and crew had to settle for third-place in the final standings. The play-offs could be a different story however. The Leafs could make every one sit up and take notice. Time alone will tell!

BRAVES

The Braves may have finished last in the standings, but in spirit they were up with the leaders. Someone has to finish last but, with a four-team play-off, anything can happen. One thing about it, if the Braves don't win anything it won't be for lack of trying. With guys like Bobby, Mullens, Herman, Gaumond, Lamoureux, L. Johnson, Burke, Bruce, and the little spark-plug behind the plays, Wally Astles, coach Moe Walker will get his money's worth in effort. One can't predict too much for the Braves in the play-offs, but we can definitely say that a goodly number of these players

will very probably play in a higher classification next year. After all, in the final analysis, that is the main objective of the "B" League.

SEMI-FINALS

The fourth-place Braves just were no match for the smooth, second-place Yanks. It was the strongest against the weakest and Yanks took this series two-in-a-row. It was the heavy hitting of Zimmer, Brown, Lanthier and Firby, plus good pitching from Mickey that made it possible for the Yanks to take it in two straight. Yanks, now in the spirit of play-off ball, will be a constant threat to the Dodgers in the finals. The powerhouse Dodgers didn't have too much trouble disposing of the Leafs. This series went three games and the best the Leafs could do was tie one game. It's now the Yanks and Dodgers who meet in the finals. This will be a 4-7 series with the winner the "B" champions.

Scorekeepers: Art Nabiss—Knobby Clark—George Labelle

With softball fast drawing to a close—all interest has been turned on football—much too early to name any outstanding players—but it looks like another good season when the schedule starts—This won't be too soon as far as Giant supporters are concerned—two of the Giants' players have already been racked up, namely Berrigan and Proulx—Let's hope that Roy Aimoe's foot gets back into shape as he is sorely needed on the diamond—New interest has been shown in handball lately. Pete Stepanoff, Bijou Piche, Leo Dubroy and Bob Robert are always present, and take on all-comers—It's too bad Bud Henry doesn't lose some of that fat—then maybe he and I could win a game once in a while—It is expected that in the very near future the handball court will be hard-surfaced—Another project already started by Stepanoff, Robert, Holland and Miller—is a new hoop court.

PENAL ECHO-ETTES

By S. C. Smith

C. B. Diamond; In your June-July issue you outdo yourselves in criticizing other penal publications. I don't know whether you have set yourselves up as self-appointed critics on the penal circuit, but I have no hesitation in stating flatly that it is awful sickening to read. We have noted that you have apparently left us off your mailing list for some time now. I presume it goes back to one little item of criticism I threw at you some time ago. For people who take such easy offence at being criticised, you are very free with your own brand of the same. I read all the exchanges pretty thoroughly but see much more in them than just the fact that they may have misspelled a word or forgotten to cross a "T". Methinks "Inside Bordertown" did not go too far astray when they addressed you as Collins Boys Diamond. Why don't you grow up? We will return one courtesy with another; you have also been left off our mailing list.

The Mirror-Minnesota; Congrats. to the editorial staff of the Prison Mirror, namely, Editor R. Standish and associates, Leo K. and Max S. Mountain Echoes extends sincere good wishes on your 69th. Anniversary.

Beacon—Dorchester; June issue received and read thoroughly. Enjoyed especially "Meet the Lifer" by Eddie Nickson. I've always felt that those fellows are more or less forgotten in the shuffle. Should be more of this around the circuit. A good issue all through. Is that the same Joe Beck who also played for the Cardinals here? Like old man river, he just keeps rollin' . . .

Island Lantern Wash; Congrats from one Canadian to another, these are offered to Benjamin Marsh for his article, "Coddling? Egad." Well written and containing a lot of thought for the people who are so quick to cry, "Coddling."

The Monthly Record—Conn; "Understanding Versus Prejudice" by Mark Grimes was the eye-catcher for this writer. This could well be reprinted throughout the circuit. True in every word. . . Received and thoroughly appreciated; Spectator; Lake Shore Outlook; The Clock; The New Day; The Restorator; The Pioneer; The Inside World; Reformatory Pillar; Viewpoint; The Corrector; The Reflector; Menard Time; The Spokesman; Paahao Press. Thank you folks. Not received but anticipated: Stray Shots; Gateway; Harmony News (especially this one); The Calvert Courier; ONCE AGAIN, The ATLANTIAN?

The Star-Carville, La; Would very much like to see an issue of your publication. Never have had the pleasure and am looking forward to one. Can do?

Transition-B.C; Just arrived. . . Welcome back—all dressed up in new clothes. A superb job. Congrats to Ken Morris and staff. Regards from present Giants to all ex-Giants now Seals.



RELIGION

Protestant Church Activities

Rev. G. W. McNeill

CHURCH service 10.00 a.m. Sunday
CHOIR practice 10.30 a.m. Saturday
CITIZEN'S FORUM & Discussion Group 9—10.00 a.m. Sunday
Brigadier McGinnis, Salvation Army, conducts service first
Sunday in each month
Regular A.A. meeting 12—1.00 p.m. Wednesday
A special A.A. meeting is held on last Sunday of each month
Outside visitors are encouraged to visit the institution and
meet the local group
INTERVIEWS available every afternoon, Monday to Friday

Mr. Allen Caron—Organist&Choir Leader

Roman Catholic Church Activities

Father H. J. Bedford

MASS 8.30 a.m. Sunday
HIGH MASS once a month
CONFESSIONS heard before and during Mass
CHOIR practice after Mass on Sunday and one day a week
INTERVIEWS every afternoon except Wednesday
STUDY GROUP 1.00 p.m. Tuesday
CATHOLIC LIBRARY
Correspondence courses in English
Regular A.A. meeting 1.00 p.m. Sunday
CONFESSION every Saturday afternoon

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